

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2011-406-C - ORDER NO. 2012-661

AUGUST 31, 2012

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,)	ORDER GRANTING THE
LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina to)	WITHDRAWAL OF
Withdraw Funds from the State USF to)	\$973,541.93 FROM THE
Support Stand-Alone Basic Residential Lines)	STATE UNIVERSAL
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576)	SERVICE FUND

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T” or the “Company”) to withdraw \$973,541.93 from the State Universal Service Fund (“USF”) for the upcoming 2013 USF fund year to support 19,909 stand-alone basic residential lines pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-576(C)(9)(c). On August 23, 2012, the Company filed the verified testimony of Kenneth E. Minzenberger in support of its petition. The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), as the State USF Administrator, has reviewed AT&T’s Petition and supporting documentation and does not oppose the request.

According to ORS, it has reviewed the parameters used to extract the number of stand-alone residential lines in service. Consistent with last year’s methodology, AT&T used wire-center-specific “Phase 1 Support for Residential Line” to calculate next year’s annual support from the State Universal Service Fund for the amount it seeks. ORS states that in addition to the support for the stand-alone lines, AT&T also included in its

supporting calculations the amount of reimbursement it seeks based on a \$3.50 per month state lifeline credit for low income consumers.

Based on the foregoing, we grant AT&T's request to withdraw \$973,541.93 from the State USF, as allowed by Section 58-9-576(C)(9)(c), to support 19,909 stand-alone basic residential lines. AT&T is required to file a calculation of the support it seeks from the State USF on or before July 1 of each year.

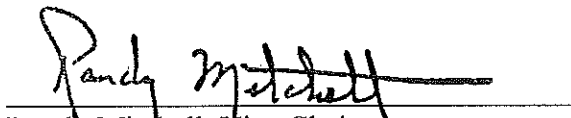
The hearing that was scheduled for October 4, 2012, in this Docket is now cancelled.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


David A. Wright, Chairman

ATTEST:


Randy Mitchell, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)